

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A data storage system, comprising:

a plurality of pages, each of which includes a plurality of first memory cells, from which at least binary digital data can be read out a plurality of times without destruction of the data;

a circuit which receives a digital data output of at least one first page including the first memory cells, detects an error in at least one bit of data, and outputs information on a position of the error; and

a circuit which determines whether the bit of data where the error occurs is "1" or "0", wherein when a result of the determination is "1" or "0", the first memory cells of the first page is selectively erased and error-corrected data is written therein, and wherein in the first memory cells, a plurality of reading operations generate a bit change to a writing state.

Claims 2-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Original): The data storage system of claim 1, wherein in the first memory cells, the reading operations generate a bit change to a writing state, and determination is selectively made when the bit of data where the error occurs is in an erased state before occurrence of the error.

Claim 6 (Original): The data storage system of claim 1, wherein the first memory cell further comprises a charge storage layer of insulating film for storing information based on the amount of charges stored in the charge storage layer.

Claims 7 and 8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Original): The data storage system of claim 1, wherein if the number of information bits which enables recording of "1" or "0" from the external input/output section is n , and m is a natural number which satisfies $2^{m-1}-1 < n \leq 2^m-m-1$, the number of memory cells of one page being at least $(n+m)$.

Claim 10 (Original): The data storage system of claim 1, wherein for the first page including the first memory cells, all information bits can be read out from the external input/output section, and the first page can be read out when power starts to be supplied.

Claim 11 (Original): The data storage system of claim 1, wherein the first memory cells comprise a semiconductor memory cell transistor which stores at least three digital values as a plurality of threshold values.

Claims 12-13 (Canceled).

Claim 14 (Withdrawn): A data storage system comprising:
a plurality of pages, each of which includes a plurality of first memory cells, from which at least binary digital data can be read out a plurality of times without destruction of the data; and

a circuit which receives a digital data output of the first memory cells, and detects an error in at least one bit of data error,

wherein a bit change is generated when at least one of the first memory cells is in a held state of "1" or "0" and a reading operation is carried out a plurality of times;

the circuit is configured to have an external data output terminal to be capable of reading out all information bits for a first page of the first memory cells from an external input/output section and reading out the first page when power starts to be supplied; and

in the circuit, when the power is cut off or supplied, when a series of operations for reading out data of at least one page from the external data output terminal are repeated a plurality of times, the number of times of reading out information data identical to the information data written in the page is larger than the number of times of reading information data identical to the information data written in the page when the operation for continuously reading out the data of at least one page is carried out.

Claim 15 (Withdrawn): A data storage system comprising:

a memory macro including a memory cell array;

an error correction code circuit section connected to the memory macro; and

a temporary memory temporarily used for error correction of the memory cell array,

wherein the temporary memory is formed as a part of the memory cell array in the memory macro.

Claim 16 (Withdrawn): The data storage system of claim 3, wherein in the first memory cells, after data writing, a flag for indicating an end of the data writing is additionally written.

Claim 17 (Withdrawn): The data storage system of claim 3, wherein verify erasure is carried out in the memory cells of the pages including the first memory cells.

Claim 18 (Withdrawn): The data storage system of claim 6, wherein the charge storage layer comprises one of a silicon nitride film, a silicon oxynitride film and an alumina film.

Claim 19 (Withdrawn): The data storage system of claim 1, wherein if the number of information bits which enables recording of "1" or "0" from the external input/output section is n , and m and t are natural numbers which satisfy $2^{m-1} - t \times (m-1) \leq n \leq 2^m - t \times m - 1$, the number of memory cells of one page being at least $(n + t \times m)$.

Claim 20 (Withdrawn): The data storage system of claim 8, wherein in each of the first memory cells, a plurality of digital bits are stored in different positions of the charge storage layer.

Claim 21 (New): A data storage system, comprising:
a plurality of pages, each of which includes a plurality of first memory cells, from which at least binary digital data can be read out a plurality of times without destruction of the data;

a circuit which receives a digital data output of at least one first page including the first memory cells, detects an error in at least one bit of data, and outputs information on a position of the error; and

a circuit which determines whether the bit of data where the error occurs is "1" or "0", wherein when a result of the determination is "1" or "0", the first memory cells of the first page is selectively erased and error-corrected data is written therein, and

wherein the first memory cells comprise a semiconductor memory cell transistor which stores at least three digital values as a plurality of threshold values.

Claim 22 (New): The data storage system of claim 21,
wherein in the first memory cells, the reading operations generate a bit change to a writing state, and determination is selectively made when the bit of data where the error occurs is in an erased state before occurrence of the error.

Claim 23 (New) The data storage system of claim 21,
wherein the first memory cell further comprises a charge storage layer of insulating film for storing information based on the amount of charges stored in the charge storage layer.

Claim 24 (New): The data storage system of claim 21,
wherein if the number of information bits which enables recording of "1" or "0" from the external input/output section is n , and m is a natural number which satisfies $2^{m-1}-1 < n \leq 2^m - m - 1$, the number of memory cells of one page being at least $(n+m)$.

Claim 25 (New) The data storage system of claim 21,
wherein for the first page including the first memory cells, all information bits can be read out from the external input/output section, and the first page can be read out when power starts to be supplied.

Claim 26 (New): A data storage system, comprising:
a plurality of pages, each of which includes a plurality of first memory cells, from which at least binary digital data can be read out a plurality of times without destruction of the data;

a circuit which receives a digital data output of at least one first page including the first memory cells, detects an error in at least one bit of data, and outputs information on a position of the error; and

a circuit which determines whether the bit of data where the error occurs is "1" or "0", wherein when a result of the determination is "1" or "0", the first memory cells of the first page is selectively erased and error-corrected data is written therein, and

wherein if the number of information bits which enables recording of "1" or "0" from the external input/output section is n , and m is a natural number which satisfies $2^{m-1}-1 < n \leq 2^m - m - 1$, the number of memory cells of one page being at least $(n+m)$.

Claim 27 (New): The data storage system of claim 26, wherein in the first memory cells, the reading operations generate a bit change to a writing state, and determination is selectively made when the bit of data where the error occurs is in an erased state before occurrence of the error.

Claim 28 (New): The data storage system of claim 26, wherein the first memory cell further comprises a charge storage layer of insulating film for storing information based on the amount of charges stored in the charge storage layer.

Claim 29 (New): The data storage system of claim 26, wherein for the first page including the first memory cells, all information bits can be read out from the external input/output section, and the first page can be read out when power starts to be supplied.